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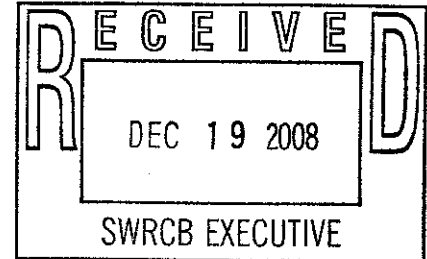


Public Comment  
**Recycled Water Policy**  
Deadline: 12/22/08 by 12 noon

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Tam M. Doduc, Chair, and Members  
State Water Resources Control Board  
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**SUBJECT: PROPOSED RECYCLED WATER POLICY**

Dear Chair Doduc and Members of the Board:

Dublin San Ramon Services District wholeheartedly endorses the adoption of the proposed Recycled Water Policy. The increased use of recycled water is critical to California's water supply future, and the policy clearly facilitates the beneficial use of recycled water for irrigation and groundwater recharge, among other uses. We are aware that the Association of California Water Agencies, the California Association of Sanitation Agencies and the WaterReuse Association have submitted comments on the proposed policy; we support the suggested revisions they have proposed.

Dublin San Ramon Services District is a major water recycler and a long time proponent of increased recycled water use throughout the state. Doing so requires a consistent regulatory approach, additional funding, strong incentives for water and wastewater agencies to move forward, and a strong commitment to environmental protections. The proposed Recycled Water Policy provides these and will move more and larger projects towards implementation faster. A case in point is how this policy would have accelerated our recycled water project.

For the past 14 years Dublin San Ramon Services District has been partnering with the East Bay Municipal Utilities District on the San Ramon Valley Recycled Water Program. This project faced complex permitting issues, salt management issues, interagency wastewater supply issues, and financial issues, all of which were eventually and successfully overcome. It took nearly ten years to implement the original vision of the project. Today, that project includes a recycled water treatment facility, five pump stations, four reservoirs, 16 miles of transmission pipeline, and 75 miles of distribution pipeline. The project delivers recycled water to approximately 200 individual customer sites including community parks, street medians, golf courses, schools, business parks, shopping centers, and residential common areas in the project's service area. These

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customers used more than 800 million gallons of recycled water for irrigation in 2008, saving 2,450 acre feet (2.2 million gallons) of potable water per day – enough to supply 6,630 single-family homes in our service area for a year.

This Recycled Water Policy will help to expand our recycled water deliveries. At project build out, the San Ramon Valley Recycled Water Program is envisioned to more than double its current deliveries to 5.7 million gallons of recycled water per day. Had this policy existed during the formative years of the San Ramon Valley Recycled Water Program, it is clear to us that it would have significantly accelerated the program's implementation.

In summary, we support your favorable adoption of the proposed Recycled Water Policy and ask that you consider the suggested revisions proposed by CASA, ACWA and WaterReuse.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Bert Michalczyk", with a stylized flourish at the end.

BERT MICHALCZYK  
General Manager